

AI word as a basic unit for indexing and search. Typically in these methods, audio data is transcribed (via automatic speech recognition or manually), time stamped and indexed via words.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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AR The present invention provides for improved indexing and searching of audio data, and the like, using minimal semantic unit based methodologies and/or apparatus. It is to be appreciated that "a minimal semantic units" are defined as small, preferably the smallest, units of a language that are known to have semantic meaning. Examples of semantic units that may be used are syllables or morphemes. Such an inventive approach may be used in conjunction with languages which have difficulty being adapted for use with existing approaches, e.g., Asian languages.

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AB Although illustrative embodiments of the present invention have been described herein with reference to the accompanying drawings, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to those precise embodiments, and that various other changes and modifications may be ~~affected~~ therein made by one skilled in the art without departing from the scope or spirit of the invention.

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